

MEETING MINUTES
Gulf Cove Street and Drainage Advisory Committee
March 14, 2013
5:00pm at Hope Lutheran Church

Attendees: Larry Singleton, Richard Van Acker, and Ron Kubala

Absent: Jose Subero (excused)

County staff: Judith Nothdurft, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m. with a quorum present.

Member status was reviewed; there are vacancies for one regular and one alternate member.

The minutes from the January 10, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Unfinished Business:

- Cul-de-sac Radius – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed a report from the Finance Department stating that the funding available in this Committee's reserves is dangerously low and they will not be able to afford the work until the next budget cycle (2016/2017). The Engineering Department did not create an estimate because it would cost the MSBU money and the Committee wouldn't receive a benefit. Mr. Kubala expressed concern that the new paving will likely be destroyed if the radiuses are not extended. He stated that an estimate should be prepared so that the amounts are known and possible emergency funding be achieved. Mr. Kubala made a motion to have a cost estimate prepared by the Engineering Department to increase the radius in the Cul-de-sacs. The cost to prepare the estimate should not exceed \$2000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton with a vote of two for and one opposed. There was further discussion regarding the current paving program that does not include some of the streets because funding is not available. If the estimate is returned in a timely manner and is within reason to acquire emergency funding, a special meeting will be scheduled to allow the Committee to discuss and vote on the matter.
- Drainage – There was extensive discussion regarding drainage at the tip lots. M&O staff was present to answer questions. Past inquiries with DEP and SWFWMD regarding installing additional outfalls has been denied. If an outfall wasn't present in the original plan, a new one would not be allowed. Mr. Kubala made a motion to have Joanne Vernon from the Engineering Department attend the next meeting to discuss options to resolve the drainage problem; the motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and passed unanimously. There is funding in the maintenance budget for M&O to clean and clear the pipes and swales at the tip lots. Mr. Kubala made a motion to have M&O prepare a cost estimate to clean and clear the pipes at the tip lots; the motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and passed unanimously.
- There was discussion regarding the need to raise the elevation of the roads to improve drainage in the swales and cul-de-sacs. Mr. Free conveyed that raising the elevation of the road is not necessary.
- There was discussion regarding sod replacement after the work is completed. Replacement sod is the same as what was there before the paving took place. Floratam grass tends to inhabit drainage in driveways that have swales.
- M&O asked that all drainage problems be reported at the time the problem is happening. Mr. Kubala will take photos to document standing water.

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- Draft Budget - The draft budget was distributed for review and discussion. Mr. Kubala made a motion to accept the draft budget as written; the motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Brush Cutting & Removal – An estimate from M&O was distributed for review and questions. A letter from the Gulf Cove Waterway Unit Advisory Committee to Public Works regarding hauling away the mulch that is generated when brush cutting is done was read. The cost for M&O to hand cut the area was estimated at approximately \$130,000. The cost for the contractor to cut, mulch and leave the mulch is \$12,000. The increased funding would have to be paid by the Street & Drainage MSBU not the Waterway MSBU. There was discussion regarding the cost in the long run being more to dredge the canals that the mulch is causing to silt in. Mr. Free suggested waiting a year to get closer to the next budget cycle and get an estimate from an outside contractor to allow the Committee a clear and more accurate cost. The Committee can plan to include funding in the 2015/2016 if they approve the project.
- Activity Report – Distributed for review and questions. Ms. Nothdurft will research what Location 44 – Do not close means.
- West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Joint Meeting – A joint meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013 was planned to allow members from all of the MSBUs within the West Charlotte Stormwater MSBU's area to provide input. A list of topics was sent to the chairperson of each MSBU. The chair or vice chair has been asked to attend the meeting. An agenda will be sent emailed out next week.

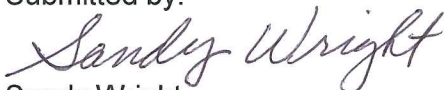
Citizen Input:

- There is a line of site issue at Gillot and Norlander.
- Cul-de-sac's were brought up last year. The Committee needs to be more specific on what they want done.
- There was a suggestion that the Cul-de-sacs not be re-paved if the Waste Management Trucks are going to tear the roads back up. There are smaller trucks that could be used.
- If waters drain towards the nose of the tip lots, water will come up the street during high tide and heavy winds.
- What can be done about trimming the mangroves on Fulton along SR776. That area belongs to the state; either the state, DEP or SWFWMD should be contacted to address the issue.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2013 at 5:00p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

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